



I. Status of Claims

Claims 2, 4-5, 7-8, 26, 32-34, 40, 42, and 44-47 are now pending in the application. Claims 6 and 35 are canceled without disclaimer to the subject matter therein and claims 1, 9-25, 27-31, 36-39, and 41 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 3 and 43 are canceled and rewritten as newly added independent claims 46 and 47. Claims 4, 7-8, 26, and 40 are amended. Claims 4, 6-8, 26, 40, and 46-47 are independent.

Claims 7-8, 26, 32-35, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the invention was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claim 6 stands rejected as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,919,973 to Alkan et al.

Claims 2, 4-5, 42, and 44-45 are allowed.

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the September 7, 2006 final Office action. The Applicants are requesting entry of the foregoing amendments to place the claims in allowable condition.

II. Statement of Substance of October 31, 2006 Applicant Initiated Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Lamb for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on October 31, 2006 with Fred T. Grasso and Daniel G. Shanley, and provides this Statement of Substance of Interview in compliance with M.P.E.P. 713.04. In the interview, Examiner Lamb, Mr. Grasso, and Mr. Shanley discussed the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections set forth in the most recent Office action. In summary, the parties agreed that Applicant would amend the claims as follows:

- i. rewrite claims 3 and 43 independently
- ii. amend the preamble of allowed claim 4
- iii. in claims 7 and 40, amending the recitation "at least one exposed side" to recite "an exposed side."

iv. in claims 8 and 26, removing the "vibration source may move independently" language.

Accordingly, claims 2, 4-5, 7-8, 26, 32-34, 40, 42, and 44-47 are allowable and the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections should be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejection

In order to facilitate prosecution, Claim 6 is canceled, rendering the rejection of claim 6 by U.S. Patent No. 4,919,973 to Alkan et al moot.

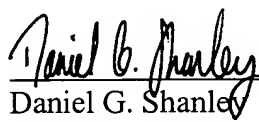
IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be incurred in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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